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REF: IAEA VIENNA 1168

1. SUMMARY. BRAZIL REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR IAEA BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FRG-IAEA-BRAZIL TRI-LATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. SOVIET CONCERNS, IN GOB'S VIEW, ARE UNFOUNDED, AND AGREEMENT, IN EVERY RESPECT, CONFORMS TO CURRENT IAEA POLICY. BRAZIL IS CONTACTING OTHER BOARD MEMBERS TO REQUEST THEIR SUPPORT. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO BRAZILIAN APPROACH. END SUMMARY. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. DURING CALL BY ECON COUNSELOR, FEBRUARY 16,
 AMBASSADOR PAULO CABRAL DE MELLO, CHIEF OF FOREIGN
 MNISTRY'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, REQUESTED US
 SUPPORT FOR IAEA BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FRGBRAZIL IAEA TRILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
 SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24.
- 3. CABRAL DE MELLO (WHO WAS GOB'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR
 OF THE AGREEMENT IN VIENNA) SAID GOB WAS CONCERNED
 BY WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD WAS APPARENT SOVIET MOVE TO
 REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD REVIEW. GOB HAD NOT
 BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THIS, BUT HAD BEEN ADVISED
 INFORMALLY BE IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL AND USREP THAT
 THE SOVIETS WOULD PREFER TO TRANSFER THIS AGENDA
 ITEM TO ANOTHER SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING. HE SAID
 HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CGINCABOUT THE STATUS OF THE
 SOVIET EFFORT: WHETHER THE SOVIET REP HAD FORMALLY REQUESTED
 DEFERRAL OR WS SEEKING DEFERRAL INFORMALLY OR
 WHETHER HIS OBSERVATIONS WERE OFFERED AS A COMMENTRARY
 RATHER THAN A DEFINITIVE SOVIET POSITION.
- 4. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID BRAZIL DOES NOT LIKE THIS SOVIET MANEUVER AND RESENTS THE SUGGESTION OF FURTHER DELAY. FROM THE BRAZILIAN STANDPOINT, APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT HAD SOME URGENCY SO THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRG-BRAZILIAN ACCORD COULD FINALLY PROCEED. IT IS GOB'S UNDERSTANDNG THAT THE AGREEMENT FULLY, AND IN EVERY RESPECT, CONFORMS TO CURRENT IAEA POLICY. THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE BOARD MEETING AND, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED ON TIME. AS OF FEBRUARY 15, THERE HAD BEEN NO OBJECTION OR DIFFICULTY FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY. THE US APPEARED TO BE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSED TEXT.
- 5. CABRAL DE MELLO SEEMED TO THINK THAT SOVIVET PRE-OCCUPATION WAS PRIMARILY WITH THE BERLIN CLAUSE BUT IN FURTHER EXPOSITION OF THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE AGREEMENT ADDRESSED MOST OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SOVIET REP IN VIENNA (REFTEL). CONFIDENTIAL

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(A) BERLIN CLAUSE. CABRAL DE MELLO NOTED THAT THE WORDS QUOTE BERLIN (WEST) UNQUOTE HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR QUOTE LAND BERLIN UNQUOTE TO MEET THE JURIDICAL PROBLEM OF WEST BERLIN'S STATUS. MOREOVER, UNDER ARTICLE 26 THE FRG WOULD HAVE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT IN WHICH IT COULD DECLARE THE NON-APPLICABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT

TO WEST BERLIN. BRAZIL HOPED THAT THIS HAD REMOVED THE BERLIN PROBLEM AS AN OBSTACLE TO APPROVAL OF THE AGREEEMENT.

(B) COVERAGE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.
CABRAL DE MELLO SAID OMISSION OF A REFERENCE TO
EQUIPMENT IN THE PREAMBLE HAD BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED
WITH THE AGENCY. IT WAS CONSONANT WITH THE AGENCY'S
CURRENT CONCEPT AND PRACTICE, WHICH CONSIDERS THAT
SAFEGUARDS APPLY TO NUCLEAR MATERIALS RATHER THAN
TO FACILITIES PER SE, A POINT SPECIFICALLY COVERED
IN THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MEMORANDUM. IN ANY CASE,
NUCLEAR FACILITIES WERE EXPLICITLY COVERED BY THE
SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 4. THE AGENCY HAD BEEN
FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE MANNER THE AGREEMENT TREATS
THIS SUBJECT.

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(C) URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES, CABRAL DE MELLO
NOTED THAT THE AGENCY DOES NOT YET HAVE SAFEGUARDS
REGULATIONS COVERING URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES BUT
ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD, THEY WOULD BECOME
PART OF THE SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENT. UNDER ARTICLE 25,
THIRD SENTENCE, BRAZIL WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY BOUND BY
SUCH AN ADDITION TO THE DOCUMENT APPROVED BY THE BOARDZM

(D) TWENTY YEAR PERIOD. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE SOVIET REP HAD ALSO OBJECTED TO THE TWENTY YEAR PERIOD IN ARTICLE 3/2 COMMENCING FROM THE TIME OF TRANSFER OF THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION RATHER THAN THE COMPLETION OF THE FACILITY. HE THOUTGHT THIS A HIGHLY ACADEMIC POINT BECAUSE TWENTY CONFIDENTIAL

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YEARS LATER THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION SO TRANSFERRED UNDER THE FRG-GOB ACCORD WOULD HAVE BEEN SUPERSEDED AND BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE BUILDING ADDITIONAL FACILITIES USING THAT SAME TECHNICAL INFORMATION. THE CENTRAL POINT OF ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 2, APPEARED TO BE LOST SIGHT OF: I.E., THAT ANY FACILITY WHATSOEVER, BASED ON THE SAME OR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL PROCESSES, WAS PRESUMED TO BE BASED ON THE TRANSFERRED TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND THUS WAS COVERED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THIS FORMULATION WAS INTENDED TO AVOID DISPUTES, I.E., THE NEED OF PROOF AND COUNTERPROOF. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH ARTICLE 2.2, AND ARTICLE 28.2, BRAZIL CONSIDERED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH REPRESENTED A VERY STRONG COMMITMENT.

6. IN CONCLUSION, CABRAL DE MELLO SAID GOB WAS ALSO APPROACHING ALL THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, THROUGH ITS IMBASSIES, TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT. NOTING THE CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE LIAISON WHICH EXISTED WITH THE US DELEGATION IN VIENNA, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT BRAZIL IN THIS MATTER. THE COUNSELOR SAID THE EMBASSY WOULD BE REPORTING GOB'S REQUEST PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE WASHINGTON'S REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS SOONEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO GOB APPROACH.

IF US RESPONSE SHOULD BE NEGATIVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FULL EXPLANTION OF US REASONING SINCE GOB

BELIEVES THAT US CONCERNS HAVE BEEN FULLY MET

BY DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ITS PRESENT FORM, AND, ON BASIS

| OF WHAT BRAZILIAN REP HAS BEEN TOLD IN VIENNA, IS UNDER |
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| IMPRESSION THAT US IS IN FAVOR OF THE AGREEMENT. |
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